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1. SUMMARY: OASGA AND CEESI DRAFT CONVENTION ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY DISCUSSED BY EMBOFF AND FONOFF OFFICIAL APRIL 29. FONOFF PROVIDED LIST MEXDEL TRANSMITTED BELOW. INDICATED SECRETARY RABASA WOULD SEEK PRIVATE TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER TO DISCUSS OAS RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER MATTERS (SUBJECTS MAY BE PROVIDED LATER). GOM POLICY ON CEESI IS CONTINUED SUPPORT DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH HAS "UNANIMOUS" LA BACKING, BUT MEXICO WOULD HOPE PLAY MODERATE ROLE AND HOPES TO WORK WITHIN LA CAUCUS TO AVOID OPEN LA CONFRONTATION WITH U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FORTHCOMING ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY (OASGA) AND THE APPROVAL BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING (CEESI) OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY WERE SUBJECTS DISCUSSION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND SRTA. MARIA DE LOS ANGELES LOPEZ ORTEGA, CHIEF, DEPT OF INTER-AMERICAN-SYSTEMS, FOREIGN OFFICE, ON APRIL 29.
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3. AS INSTRUCTED, EMBOFF INFORMED SRTA. LOPEZ THAT USDEL WOULD BE HEADED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS (ARA) AND AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD (OAS) AS VICE-CHAIRMEN. FONOFF OFFICIAL EXPRESSED THANKS, BUT ASKED FOR FULL LIST USDEL WHEN AVAILABLE. SHE THEN INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MEXDEL WILL BE HEADED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY EMILIO RABASA, AND WOULD INCLUDE AMBASSADOR RAFAEL DE LA COLINA (OAS), AMBASSADOR ISMAEL MORENO PINO (FONOFF), AMB. JESUS CABRERA MUNOZ-LEDO (FONOFF), AMB MARIO ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES (FONOFF), AND AMB SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ (FONOFF). ALTERNATES WILL INCLUDE LIC. JESUS RODRIGUEZ Y RODRIGUEZ (MEX. REP. IDB), LIC. HECTOR HERNANDEZ (TREASURY), LIC. ABEL GARRIDO (TREASURY), MINISTER-COUNSELOR ALICIA MERINO FUENTES (MEX. MISSION OAS), MINISTER-COUNSELOR ELIZABETH GARCIA (SECRETARY RABASA'S PRIVATE STAFF), MARCELO VARGAS CAMPOS (MEX. MISSION OAS), DR EDMUNDO DE ALBA (SC. REP. MEX MISSION OAS), ALFONSO FUENTES, (FONOFF), AND VICENTE MONTEMAYOR (MEX. MISSION UN NEW YORK).

4. SRTA. LOPEZ NOTED THAT SECRETARY RABASA WOULD "CERTAINLY" WISH TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER TO DISCUSS QUESTION RESTRUCTURING OAS, AND WOULD PROBABLY RAISE OTHER MATTERS AS WELL. SHE PROMISED TO CHECK WITH SECRETARY RABASA'S OFFICE TO TRY TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER. SRTA. LOPEZ ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER WISHED TO RAISE ANY QUESTIONS WITH SECRETARY RABASA, TO WHICH EMBOFF REPLIED HE WAS UNINSTRUCTED ON THAT POINT.

5. WITH RESPECT TO CEESI, THE FONOFF OFFICIAL STATED THAT MEXICO, HAVING ONCE VOTED FOR DRAFT COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY CONVENTION IN CEESI, WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE WHILE HOPING NEVERTHELESS IT WOULD NOT BECOME SO CONTENTIOUS AS TO IMPEDE PROGRESS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF OAS REFORM. SHE FEELS THAT PROPOSED CONVENTION HAS ALMOST UNANIMOUS SUPPORT, AND POINTS OUT THAT ONLY THE U.S. VOTED AGAINST IT, ALTHOUGH A "HANDFUL" OF LA COUNTRIES ABSTAINED. EMBOFF DREW ON REFTEL AND STATE 147134 OF JULY 1974 TO EXPLAIN WHY CONVENTION UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. SRTA. LOPEZ NODDED AGREEMENT, AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT MEXICO WOULD PLAN TO ACT AS A MODERATE INFLUENCE WITH THE LA CAUCUS, AND WOULD NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

WISH TO HAVE A PROTRACTED CONFRONTATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE LIST OF MEMBERS USDEL TO OASGA IN ORDER COMPLY FONOFF REQUEST. OF COURSE, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO PROVIDE SECRETARY RABASA WITH LIST OF SUBJECTS (IF ANY) WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER INTENDS TO RAISE WITH HIM IN PRIVATE TALKS.

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7. COMMENTS: IT WOULD APPEAR FROM ABOVE DISCUSSION THAT MEXICO IS OBLIGED FOR FORM'S SAKE, TO SUPPORT NEW CONVENTION AS SOLUTION TO PROBLEM LA COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS CONVENTION IS NOT REPEAT NOT A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY TO THE MEXICANS, AND OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY ARE HOPEFUL THE COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY QUESTION MIGHT SOMEHOW BE SET ON SEPARATE TRACK AT OASGA AND THUS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS OF AND POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN AREA OAS RESTRUCTURING. THE GENERAL RESTRUCTURING QUESTION IS, OF COURSE, OF HIGH PRIORITY TO THE MEXICANS.
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